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REPORTS.....
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OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers,

OF

LEMPSTER, N. H.,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1880.

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REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF LEMPSTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1880.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

TOWN OF LEMPSTER.

In account with the SELECTMEN for 1879-80.

Cash in hands of Treasurer March 1, 1879,	\$1,170 35
Last annual assessment,	3,703 32
Remaining on tax bill of 1878,	832 06
“ “ “ “ 1875,	60 43
“ “ “ “ 1874,	15 22
Received of the county for the support of paupers,	588 76
Received of Savings Bank tax, 1879,	322 98
Literary fund,	49 58
Rent on school land,	19 16
Interest on taxes, 1874,	4 80
“ “ “ “ 1878,	36 21
“ “ “ “ 1879,	6 79
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	\$6,809 66

EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1880.

Town Officers paid to March 1st, 1880.

Paid Wm. B. Parker, services as Auditor,	\$2 00
Walter Paige, " "	2 00
L. A. Purmort, services as Selectman,	49 50
Wm. C. Sabine, " "	40 00
F. C. Carey, " "	25 00
A. J. Mitchell, services as Overseer of Poor,	24 50
A. F. Perley, services as Treasurer,	20 00
Walter Paige, services as S. S. Commit- tee,	30 00
G. W. Hurd, services as Collector,	35 00
Wm. E. Way, services as Supervisor,	6 00
A. F. Perley, " "	2 00
Albert Noyes, " "	2 00
H. L. Thompson, services as Town Clerk,	22 00
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	\$260 00

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, E. C. Scales,	\$108 59
" " 2, A. B. Sabine,	84 36
" " 3, E. L. Hurd,	76 02
" " 4, Herbert Hooper,	65 58
" " 5, Sylvia Pollard,	57 16
" " 6, Frank Jefts,	31 29
" " 7, A. F. Perley,	78 92
" " 8, John Wheeler,	94 25
" " 9, G. W. Town,	60 57
Paid A. F. Perley, for High School,	150 00
Wm. A. Morrison's school tax paid to Acworth,	4 20
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	\$810 94

DAMAGES BY DOGS.

Paid Wm. T. Thissell,	\$5 00
A. S. Gile,	21 00
Geo. W. Hurd,	9 20
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	\$35 20

INDORSEMENTS ON NOTES.

Paid Rebecca G. Dodge,	\$40 00
Samuel Blanchard,	500 00
J. N. Butler,	500 00
Emily Eaton,	14 50
Aira B. Moore,	65 00
Ephraim Jennings,	100 00
Wm. B. Parker, for Universalist society,	60 00
Alfred Davis,	30 00
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	\$1,309 50

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid A. J. Mitchell, support of county paupers,	\$597 71
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SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Asa Way, support of Erastus Nichols and wife 4 weeks, at \$2.50,	\$10 00
Asa Way, damage done to room and fur- niture by E. Nichols and wife,	5 00
W. A. Scales, for board of E. Nichols and wife from March 28 to August 25, 21 1-2 weeks, at \$2,	43 00

Paid W. A. Scales, for bottle of morphine,	\$ 75
" " " damage to table,	1 00
Martha A. Thurber, for board of E. Nichols and wife 4 weeks, at \$2.50,	10 00
for E. Nichols, 1 pair slippers,	1 10
Wm. E. Way, flannel for E. Nichols,	1 44
J. N. Butler, medicine and five visits to E. Nichols.	13 91
H. W. Parker, for counsel on pauper case,	2 00
For advertising E. Nichols and wife,	2 00
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	\$90 20

PLANK AND LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid H. L. Thompson, labor on highway, at 10c per hour,	\$3 50
F. C. Carey, labor on highway, at 10c per hour, and damage to plow,	30 00
Keyes Bros., 1,043 feet of plank and stringers,	8 62
F. C. Carey, repairing bridge near Keyes Bros. mill,	54 50
John O'Brien, labor on highway,	4 42
F. C. Carey, plank and labor on highway,	4 00
A. S. Huntoon, " "	3 40
R. D. Pollard & Co., 3,110 feet plank and timber, at \$8 per M.,	24 88
R. D. Pollard & Co., for 377 1-2 hours' labor on highway, at 10c per hour,	37 75
G. W. Hurd, for lumber and putting up railing,	6 50
I. H. Hodgman, labor on highway, at 10c per hour,	12 20
Henry Hurd, plank and timber,	2 41
Chas. Putnam, 1,228 feet bridge plank and timber,	9 82

Paid Pollard & Paige, bridge plank,	\$ 5 67
Sylvanus Fuller, 1,675 ft. plank,	12 57
“ “ 6 sticks timber,	3 25
“ “ irons for bridge,	60
“ “ 12 hours' labor,	1 20
T. M. Scranton, labor on highway, breaking roads, and damage to plow,	10 95
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	\$236 24

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement on tax bill of 1879,	\$45 04
“ “ “ “ 1878,	43 25
“ “ “ “ 1875,	8 88
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	\$97 17

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Walter Paige, getting reports printed,	\$20 00
Geo. E. Perley, services as Moderator,	2 50
Expense of Selectmen while taking invoice and making out taxes,	7 50
Cash paid for books, stationary and stamps,	8 85
Paid M. Sweeney, repairing scraper, and work on Town House at Lempster Street,	13 50
G. W. Town, services as sexton,	31 75
J. N. Butler, recording births and deaths for two years, ending April 1, 1879,	3 75
L. B. Allen, mowing cemetery,	3 00
C. M. Dodge, for wood for Town House,	6 50
C. W. Dodge, for damage on highway,	3 50
C. R. Jones, care of Town House, tolling bell, sawing wood, and setting glass,	10 05
Charles Wyman, damage on highway,	10 00

Paid Wm. E. Way, goods furnished Town House,	\$4 89
Wm. E. Way, getting check lists printed,	3 00
G. W. Hurd, getting tax bills printed,	2 00
Bounty on foxes and hawks,	5 10
L. A. Purmort, incidental expenses of Selectmen,	5 85
L. A. Purmort, for wood.	3 50
Chas Putnam, for bridge plank, now on hand,	10 77
Chas. Putnam, for straps for sexton,	3 50
James Evans, for bell-rope, repairing bell-frame, and tolling bell,	4 40
F. J. Newton, damage on highway,	3 50
Walter Paige, books furnished indigent children,	75
J. G. Robinson, entertainment of town officers,	6 00
State tax, 1879,	584 00
County tax, 1879,	598 04
Non-resident highway receipts, 1879,	82 71
Remaining on tax bill of 1879,	598 00
“ “ “ “ 1875,	51 55
“ “ “ “ 1874,	9 25
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	\$2,097 71

The Selectmen and Treasurer charge themselves with the receipt of	\$6,809 66
The disbursements amount to	5,534 67
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Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,274 99

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Aira B. Moore,	\$ 700 00
Samuel Blanchard,	3,200 00
J. N. Butler,	1,835 00

Emily Eaton,	\$ 290 00
Ianthia Nichols,	1,200 00
Esther Booth,	625 00
Universalist Society,	1,000 00
Rebecca G. Dodge,	800 00
Henry Walker,	230 00
Andrew J. Parker,	130 00
Marietta Blanchard,	150 00
Stephen Allen,	425 00
Alfred Davis,	175 00
Ephraim Jennings,	500 00
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	\$11,260 00
Amount due on above note March 1st, 1880,	8,950 73

ASSETS.

In hands of Treasurer,	\$1,274 99
Due on tax bill of 1879,	598 00
on tax bill of 1875,	51 55
on tax bill of 1874,	9 25
for rent of school land,	4 50
from county,	7 87
plank on hand,	10 77
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	\$1,956 93

Leaving a balance against the town of	\$6,993 80
Which shows a reduction of the debt of '79 of	771 55

L. A. PURMORT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WM C. SABINE,	
F. C. CAREY,	
	} <i>Lempster.</i>

We, the undersigned, Auditors appointed to settle with the Selectmen and Treasurer, have examined their accounts, and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIAM B. PARKER,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
WALTER PAIGE,	

Lempster, March 1st, 1880.

REPORT

— OF THE —

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

In accordance with the requirements of our State laws, the Superintending School Committee offer the following as the Report of the Schools of Lempster for the past year, and, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the voters, it is again condensed.

The number of terms was the same as last year, eighteen, including the High School.

The fall term in District No. 2 and both in No. 5. were under the instruction of Miss Leach of Newbury, and were attended by her customary success.

The two terms in District No. 9 were taught by Miss Jennie Perley, of Lempster, being her first attempts at school teaching, and were pleasant and successful.

The term in District No. 6, taught by Miss Cutting, of Croyden, and the winter school in District No. 2 by Miss Hill, of Lempster, were each quiet and orderly and well managed; in the latter we noticed a decided improvement in order.

The success of the terms in District No. 7, the first taught by Miss Stafford, the last by B. F. Perley, and the winter term in District No. 8, by Miss Allen, all from Lempster, assures us that we need not go from home for good teachers.

The summer term in District No. 1, by Miss Whittaker, of Unity, and that in No. 4, by Miss Comstock, of Acworth, were each orderly and apparently satisfactory.

The winter term in District No. 1, taught by A. W. Mitchell, of Lempster, was well managed; also that in No. 4, by Miss Polley, of Gilsum; both these teachers are among those we would gladly recommend, the former for interest in his labor, the latter for that and experience.

The summer term in District No. 8, by Miss Anderson, of Acworth, and that in No. 3, by Miss Paige, of Stoneham, were each pleasant and profitable.

The winter term in District No. 3 was commenced by Miss Marshall, of Lempster. The evident intent of the Teacher, Prudential Committee, and parents were that the school should be a success. Nevertheless, in this it failed, and the questions naturally arise, what was the trouble? Who is to blame? It is well known that most scholars need a restraining hand, and that some need a *strong* restraining hand, and although we would by no means advocate ruling a school by force, yet we are quite sure that a little muscle in some schools is not a bad thing to have in reserve; a little wholesome fear, in fact, is oftentimes an effectual incentive to duty, and we would suggest to the townspeople, in districts where the male pupils have attained the age of those in No. 3, with the natural boyish impatience of female control, the provision of a teacher who possesses the former, and could inspire the latter. Miss Marshall is well qualified, and has taught many schools successfully; the scholars learned quite well while the term continued.

Statistics from the Registers may be found in the table on page 10.

The Roll of Honor contains the names of the pupils who have for a whole term been neither absent or tardy.

No. of District.	TERMS.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.	TEACHERS.	Wages per Month.	Length of term in Weeks.	No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Visits of S. S. Committee.	Visits of Citizens.	Name on Roll of Honor.
1	{ Summer, Winter,	E. C. Scales.	Elsie J. Whittaker.	\$15	12	9	%	2	20	2
2	{ Fall, Winter,	A. B. Sabine	Abram J. Mitchell.	22	10	11	11	2	25	4
3	{ Summer, Winter,	E. L. Hurd.	J. Amanda Leach.	20	12	10	9	2	14	3
4	{ Summer, Winter,	Herbert Hooper.	Emma J. Hill.	15	12	9	9	2	14	3
5	{ Summer, Winter,	Sylvia Pollard.	Fannie E. Paige.	22	12	11	11	2	22	3
6	{ Summer, Winter,	Frank Jeffs.	Attie Marshall.	14	12	15	14	1	37	9
7	{ Summer, Winter,	A. F. Perley.	Ellie Comstock.	18	9	11	11	2	20	7
8	{ Summer, Winter,	John Wheeler.	Jennie M. Polley.	12	12	15	15	2	23	4
9	{ Summer, Winter,	G. W. Town.	J. Amanda Leach.	12	12	15	14	1	37	9
			May I. Cutting.	20	5	4	4	2	42	0
			Mary A. Stafford.	12	10	17	15	2	25	1
			B. F. Perley.	22	8	17	15	2	14	3
			Emma Anderson.	16	7	15	12	2	16	2
			Nettie L. Allen.	20	9	11	%	2	10	3
			Jennie M. Perley.	14	10	10	%	2	25	5
			Jennie M. Perley.	14	4	10	%	2	9	3

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—G. Bertie Evans, Ella M. Evans, John P. Sweeny, Ellen M. Sweeny.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—Eldora C. Millen, Charles W. Sabine, Joseph Nichols, George W. Nichols, Anthony S. Jameson.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—Anna E. Stafford, Camilla Pollard, Elbert E. Hurd.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—Nellie Walker, Willie C. Stowell, Bertie A. Stowell, Eddie Stowell, Frank Metcalf.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—Annie E. Hodgman, Josie A. Pollard, Herman Moody, Willie P. Hodgman, Robert J. Richardson, Charlie F. Richardson, Charlie M. Pollard, Hattie N. Little, Abbie E. Hodgman.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—Lucia H. Cutler, Abbie J. Cutler, Kate C. Allen, Harry W. Hurd, Celia Ballou, George Ballou, Jerome Ballou, Ernest F. Cutler.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—S. Belle Keyes, Minnie E. O'Brien, Willie O'Brien.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—Lena Bruce, Pearl Griffith, Ida Welch, Ada W. Town, Hester S. Porter, Lina L. Dodge, David E. Clark, Milton C. Dodge.

The table on the following page shows the number of pupils pursuing the different studies, for each term and District:

STUDIES TAKEN.		DISTRICT NUMBERS.											
		1.		2.		3.		4.		5.		6.	
		Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d	Terms. 1st 2d
No. of Pupils studying Reading,		9	11	10	8	9	11	8	17	11	15	4	
" " " Spelling,		9	11	10	8	9	11	7	17	11	15	4	
" " " Penmanship,		8	10	8	6	0	0	2	5	4	8	2	
" " " Arithmetic,		8	10	9	8	1	11	4	8	6	13	3	
" " " Geography,		3	8	5	6	4	4	2	6	1	7	0	
" " " Grammar,		1	0	0	1	2	2	0	3	0	2	0	
" " " History,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	
" " " Composition,		0	0	0	0	3	7	0	6	0	0	0	

We visited every term of school soon after its commencement, and, among other things, urged upon the teachers the necessity of filling all the items in the registers, as they are required for filling blanks furnished by the State Superintendent of Instruction: nevertheless, in some instances they were not completed, and it necessitated us no little inconvenience in the apportionment of a part of the school money; the Literary Fund depends on the accuracy of some of these items, and is therefore quite essential. The registers are, however, an improvement on last year; but the only way to totally remedy the evil is to enforce the requirement of the law, which specifies plainly that "every teacher, at the close of his school, and at the end of each term thereof, shall make a return of such register or record to the School Committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof, and no teacher shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the Prudential Committee."

Our schools, compared with those of other towns, are good, but they can be bettered, and in some ways without additional expense; little evils will creep in, and can be easily done away with, if we but give them our attention. One of these is the fact that the schools have too many books. We have remedied this partly, and we trust the changes have met the approbation of the patrons; others are necessary, and if the action of the committee another year necessitates the outlay of a dollar or two, we hope you will give him or her credit of having the best interest of the schools in mind.

A new and thorough New Hampshire map has been placed in nearly every school in town, provided by the districts, not making an extra town tax, and if some other apparatus, incurring but slight expense, were procured, and a teacher provided who would use the same, we think six weeks of school would be more efficient than ten now are. Many young scholars will tell you that longitude is distance reckoned north from a given meridian near Greenwich; others that it is related to the equator in some way, not feeling sure either what or where that is. Some seem to

think it is a vast cable stretched across the land, and others I dare say would not be willing to aver that it was not a large sea-serpent.

Now this subject might much better be skipped than taught so abstractly; it learns them nothing about this, and forms the habit of going blindly over other things. A globe and the right teacher would save much time, and make the explanation more lucid. It is in the power of Districts to provide this and similar things. We are following in the old ruts, not because we are obliged to, not from a lack of money, but from a lack of interest, or through ignorance of the changes in the laws.

The High School was again under the management of Mr. George E. Perley, of Lempster, and again attended with excellent success.

The Literary Exercises were held evenings, once in two weeks. Although but half as frequent as formerly, the interest in them by the scholars and visitors seemed doubled; in fact, since the establishment of the school we have not known of a series of Lyceums more interestingly begun or better supported than that of last fall.

The last day showed thoroughness, and that the scholars had been incited to a remarkable interest in what had been passed over.

The school is, and properly, a source of pride to Lempster people, and should it be lost to us it would be much deplored.

Submitted respectfully by

WALTER PAIGE,
Superintending School Committee,
of Lempster.

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